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SUBJECT: GREECE-NATO NEGOTIATIONS: MEETING WITH D/SYG
PANSA

REFS: (A) NATO 5933 (DTG 241153Z JUN 77),
(B) NATO 7418 (DTG 021330Z AUG 77),
(C) STATE 148764 (DTG 251553Z JUN 77),
(D) STATE 159479 (DTG 082358Z JUL 77),
(E) NATO 8122 (NOTAL, DTG 251637Z AUG 77),
(F) NATO 7875 (NOTAL, DTG 180758Z AUG 77)

SUMMARY: D/SYG PANSA TOLD US HE (A) PLANS TO HOLD ANOTHER
OEG MEETING IN LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER; (B) WILL
CIRCULATE SHORTLY HIS REVISED PAPER ON AN APPROACH TO THE
GREECE-NATO DISCUSSIONS; (C) HAS GAINED SOME GROUND WITH
THE TURKS WHO STILL WANT PROCEDURES FOR DISCUSSIONS TO BE
HIGHLY STRUCTURED IN ADVANCE; (D) HAS LOST SOME OF HIS
ENTHUSIASM FOR "TEST CASE" APPROACH; (E) BELIEVES THE FATE
OF GREECE-NATO NEGOTIATIONS IS CLOSELY LINKED TO PROGRESS

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ON THE GREEK AND TURKISH DCAS. END SUMMARY

1. IN SEPTEMBER 8 CONVERSATION WITH DCM, PANSA SAID HE
HOPES TO HOLD THE NEXT OPEN-ENDED GROUP (OEG) MEETING IN
LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER (PANSA WILL BE ON LEAVE
UNTIL THEN). HIS REVISED PAPER OUTLINING AN APPROACH TO
GREECE-NATO DISCUSSIONS (REF A) WILL BE CIRCULATED "IN A

FEW DAYS". HE HOPES TO GAIN AGREEMENT ON THIS PAPER FROM THE TURKS IN THE OEG AND THEN TO PRESENT THE PAPER TO THE GREEKS AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS. HE PROFESSED OPTIMISM ABOUT GAINING THIS ACCEPTANCE SINCE THE PAPER WILL INCLUDE ALL ISSUES RAISED BY BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY (REF A), THE PAPER CATEGORIZES SUBJECTS FOR REVIEW BY DIFFERENT LEVELS IN NATO INCLUDING THE NAC, OEG, MILITARY OR MILITARY/TECHNICAL BODIES.

2. PANSAS HAS DISCUSSED STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR KIRCA WHO IS STILL INSISTING ON AGREED, STRICT TERMS OF REFERENCE BEFORE ISSUES MAY BE REFERRED TO APPROPRIATE BODIES FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GREEKS. PANSAS CLAIMS, HOWEVER, HE HAS SCORED ONE IMPORTANT POINT BY OBTAINING KIRCA'S AGREEMENT THAT THE QUESTION OF GREEK PARTICIPATION ON MILITARY BODIES SUCH AS THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND NPG NOT BE RAISED NOW AS A SEPARATE POINT, BUT RATHER HELD IN RESERVE UNTIL OTHER SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.

3. PANSAS INDICATED HE NOW IS DUBIOUS ABOUT THE "TEST CASE" APPROACH (REF B) SINCE ISSUES ARE INTERLOCKED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT PICKING ONE WOULD BE DIFFICULT. SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORILY, HE REITERATED HIS CONCERN ABOUT NATO AIR DEFENSE ELECTRONIC ENVIRONMENT (NADEES) IMPASSE (REF D), AND SAID THAT SINCE THE DEADLINE FOR RESOLUTION WAS THE SECRET

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END OF THE YEAR, HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT ISSUE BE REFERRED TO MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE (MBC).

4. PANSAS MENTIONED AGAIN GREEK INTEREST IN STEPPING UP THE PACE OF GREECE-NATO NEGOTIATIONS (REF E). HE NOTED AS WELL THAT SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS WOULD BE EXPLORING WITH GREECE AND FRANCE THE EXTENT OF THEIR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE LONG TERM DEFENSE INITIATIVES PROGRAM. HE DID NOT COMMENT ON STRONGLY VOICED TURKISH OPPOSITION TO SUCH PARTICIPATION BY THE GREEKS (REF F).

5. PANSAS AGAIN EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN THE STATUS OF THE GREEK AND TURKISH DCAS, NOTING THAT PROGRESS IN GREECE NATO DISCUSSIONS WAS DIRECTLY LINKED TO PROGRESS ON THE DCA, AND THAT THE TURKS WOULD NOT PERMIT GREEK RE-ENTRY INTO NATO INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE UNTIL TURKISH DCA HAS BEEN PASSED.

6. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD GO ALONG WITH PANSAS'S APPROACH FOR THE TIME BEING. TURKISH VIEWS ON PROCEDURES DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE CHANGED, JUDGING FROM PANSAS'S CONVERSATION WITH THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR AND OUR OWN CONTACTS

WITH TURKISH DELEGATION. HOWEVER, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE AT SOME POINT TO GAIN TURKISH AGREEMENT TO REFER GREECE-NATO ISSUE TO A BODY OTHER THAN THE OEG, FOR EXAMPLE, NADEES TO THE MBC. SINCE TURKS ARE REPRESENTED ON THE MBC THEY MAY BE MORE READY TO AGREE TO DISCUSSIONS IN THAT KIND OF COMMITTEE CONTEXT THAN ON THE MILITARY/TECHNICAL LEVEL WHERE, PRESUMABLY, DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES OF SACEUR (NOT NECESSARILY INCLUDING A TURK) WOULD CONDUCT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GREEKS. END COMMENT
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